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FLORIDA OFFICIALS SIGN A NEW AGREEMENT WITH SOUTH KOREA

~ New agreement demonstrates the strong relationship between Florida and South Korea ~

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – A Floridian who is age 18 or older, possesses a driver license and lives in South Korea can now exchange his/her driver license for a South Korean non-commercial driver license without taking the written or skills tests. The same goes for a South Korean living in Florida, who meets the same criteria.

Director of Motorist Services Sandra Lambert and the National Police Agency of the Republic of Korea Consul General He Beom Kim signed a reciprocal agreement today at Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles headquarters in Tallahassee.

"The agreement streamlines the exchange process for valid South Korean license holders residing in Florida while valid Florida license holders residing in the Republic of Korea enjoy the same benefit," said Kim. "The agreement is another symbol of our strong relationship with the state of Florida and will encourage South Korean visitors to come to Florida."

"When the representatives of the Republic of Korea approached us, we were pleased to work with them," stated Lambert. "Our comprehensive review of the licensing process in the Republic of Korea clearly demonstrated that the South Korean process is consistent with standards in place in Florida. A written and skills test for a South Korean citizen with a valid Korean license would be redundant as it would be for Floridians living in South Korea."

Florida requires specific documentation to obtain a new or renewed driver license or identification card, and Koreans who want to get a Florida driver license will have to come prepared to provide the required documents. Prepare for your next visit by bringing documents to show proof of 1) identification, 2) Social Security number and 3) residential address (two items). Customers who have ever legally changed their names must bring additional documentation. To find out exactly what you need to bring with you, visit www.GatherGoGet.com.

The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles provides highway safety and security through excellence in service, education and enforcement. The Department is leading the way to a safer Florida through the efficient and professional execution of its core mission: the issuance of driver licenses, vehicle tags and titles and operation of the Florida Highway Patrol. To learn more about DHSMV, visit www.flhsmv.gov, the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles Facebook page, or follow us on Twitter at @FDHSMV.

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